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 JD/LLB From **University of California, Berkeley**
School of Law
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 Date of JD/LLB **May 11, 2022**
 Class Rank **School does not rank**
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**
 Journal(s) **Berkeley Journal of International Law**
 Moot Court Experience **Yes**
 Moot Court Name(s) **Galloway**

Bar Admission**Prior Judicial Experience**

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 Externships **Yes**

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April 13, 2022

The Honorable Leo T. Sorokin
United States District Court, District of Massachusetts
John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse
1 Courthouse Way, Suite 2300
Boston, Massachusetts 02210

Dear Judge Sorokin:

I am a third-year student at the University of California, Berkeley writing to express my interest for a clerkship in your chambers for the 2023-2024 term or any subsequent term. I'm extremely excited at the prospect of moving back to the East Coast and becoming a more skilled advocate under your mentorship.

The animating force behind my interest is the work you have dedicated your entire career to. Indeed, your work as a federal judge is a fantastic endorsement of why having former public defenders on the bench is so critical. Your dedication to restorative justice is both admirable and important at a time which the country is trying to grapple with its flaws. While I recognize that a clerkship will include far more than just criminal work, I look forward to being a part of the process as you tackle these difficult cases. It will, undeniably, mold me into a better advocate.

My resume highlights the experiences that will help me as a clerk in your chambers. What it doesn't show, however, is the lens through which I see the world. I am an immigrant, I have lived in six cities between two countries, I am both an ethnic and religious minority, and yet I still enjoy all the benefits and privileges of a heterosexual man. At any given time, my "eastern" and "western" identities are engaged in a tug-of-war that informs how I see and analyze complicated questions. It has been one of my greatest tools throughout law school and I believe it will continue to be of value in your chambers.

Enclosed please find my resume, transcripts, and writing sample. Letters of recommendation from Dean Erwin Chemerinsky (echemerinsky@law.berkeley.edu), Professor Jonathan Gould (gould@berkeley.edu), and Professor Bradley Joondeph (bjoondeph@scu.edu) are also enclosed.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (240) 751-0921 or mihdi.afnan@berkeley.edu. I appreciate your consideration and welcome any opportunity to speak further about this position.

Respectfully,

Mihdi Afnan (he/him/his)

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Education

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law

Berkeley, CA

Juris Doctor Candidate

Class of 2022

Honors: Dean's Fellowship; Prosser Award (second highest grade): White Collar Crime and Trial Competition; NCTC Trial Competition Semi-Finalist and Best Closing Argument

Activities: Berkeley Trial Team; *Berkeley Journal of International Law*, Senior Articles Editor, Blog/Online Editor; Middle Eastern Law Student Association

Santa Clara University School of Law

Santa Clara, CA

First-Year Legal Studies, GPA: 4.02, Rank: Top 5%

2019 – 2020

Honors: Emery Law Scholarship; Witkin Award: Torts; CALI Award for Excellence: Torts

Activities: Galloway Moot Court Quarterfinalist; Selected to join the Internal Trial Team; Middle Eastern Law Student Association

University of Arizona

Tucson, AZ

B.A., Journalism, Sociology (Minor), Government and Public Policy (Minor)

2013 – 2017

Honors: Finley Newswriting Competition Nominee; Drew Nicolas Gyorke Memorial Award Finalist

Activities: Captain of the lacrosse team; Vice President of the Baha'i Club

Experience

Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr

San Francisco, CA

Summer Associate

May 2021 – July 2021

Research topics in a variety of litigation matters. Write memoranda to attorneys on my findings. Network with attorneys from across the country.

Honorable Beth L. Freeman, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of CA

San Jose, CA

Judicial Extern

May 2020 – Aug. 2020

Draft opinions for civil and criminal cases. Research and draft memoranda on a variety of issues including anti-trust matters, motions to transfer venue, and motions to amend a complaint. Summarize facts of cases before the court for supervising clerks and Judge Freeman. Review parties' filings. Attend weekly virtual hearings. Organize a diversity initiative with other externs and prepare a set of recommendations to the judges to increase diversity and inclusivity within the court.

Law Office of Leon Geller

Rockville, MD

Legal Assistant

Nov. 2018 – July 2019

Conduct legal research for criminal cases. Draft court documents, including motions in limine, expungement forms, and motions to continue. Review discovery and prepare summaries of any audio or video discovery for attorneys. Interview and communicate with clients daily.

WardChisholm, P.C.

Bethesda, MD

Legal Assistant

June 2017 – July 2018

Prepare legal documents including IRS forms, deeds, and estate planning documents. Manage about 30 cases simultaneously, including keeping track of bank records, bonds, and estates. Lead legal assistant team on all probate matters. Write letters, memoranda, and other documents for transmittal to clients and attorneys.

Bours & Lucero, LLC: Attorneys at Law

Rockville, MD

Summer Intern

May 2016 – Aug. 2016

Draft legal documents, including Notices of Appearance and expungement forms. Implement a new electronic filing system. Organize and file years of prior client documents.

Skills and Interests

Languages: Farsi (fluent)

Skills and Interests: Photography, soccer, and cooking.

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Academic Program History
Major: Law (JD)

Awards

Prosser Prize 2020 Fall: Trial Competition
Jurisprudence Award 2021 Fall: White Collar Crime

2020 Fall				
Course	Description	Units	Law Units	Grade
LAW 222	Federal Courts	4.0	4.0	HH
LAW 223.1	Erwin Chemerinsky Election Law	3.0	3.0	P
LAW 225	Abhay Aneja Legislation & Statutory Interp	3.0	3.0	H
LAW 241	Jonathan Gould Evidence	4.0	4.0	P
LAW 244.49	Rebecca Wexler Trial Competition	2.0	2.0	HH
Units Count Toward Experiential Requirement				
Spencer Pahlke				

2021 Spring				
Course	Description	Units	Law Units	Grade
LAW 207.5	Advanced Legal Writing	3.0	3.0	HH
Fulfills 1 of 2 Writing Requirements				
LAW 210	Lindsay Saffouri Legal Profession	2.0	2.0	P
Fulfills Professional Responsibility Requirement				
LAW 220.6	John Steele Constitutional Law	4.0	4.0	P
Fulfills Constitutional Law Requirement				
LAW 231	Erwin Chemerinsky Crim Procedure- Investigations	4.0	4.0	H
LAW 295.3X	Orin Kerr AAJ Student Trial Advcy Comp Natalie Winters	1.0	1.0	CR
		<u>Units</u>	<u>Law Units</u>	
Term Totals		14.0	14.0	
Cumulative Totals		58.0	58.0	

Transfer Credits		
	Units	Law Units
Santa Clara Univ School of Law	26.0	26.0
Santa Clara Univ School of Law.	2.0	2.0
Units Count Toward Experiential Requirement		
	<u>Units</u>	<u>Law Units</u>
Term Totals	44.0	44.0
Cumulative Totals	44.0	44.0

2021 Fall				
Course	Description	Units	Law Units	Grade
LAW 233	White Collar Crime	2.0	2.0	HH
Units Count Toward Experiential Requirement				
LAW 250	Amy Craig Ismail Ramsey Business Associations	4.0	4.0	H
LAW 255.5	Frank Partnoy Securities Regulation	4.0	4.0	P
LAW 288.1	Robert Bartlett Immigration Law	4.0	4.0	P
Letitia Volpp				
		<u>Units</u>	<u>Law Units</u>	
Term Totals		14.0	14.0	
Cumulative Totals		72.0	72.0	


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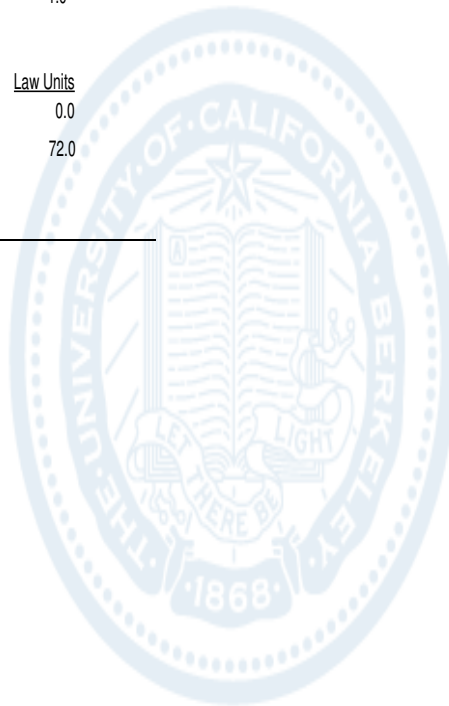
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		2022 Spring		
<u>Course</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Law Units</u> <u>Grade</u>
LAW	210.63	Mindfulness in Legal Profess. Emily Bruce	1.0	1.0
LAW	220.9	First Amendment Sarah Song	3.0	3.0
LAW	223	Administrative Law Kenneth Bamberger	4.0	4.0
LAW	261	International Law Katerina Linos	4.0	4.0
LAW	295.3M	Mock Trial Competition Natalie Winters	1.0	1.0
			<u>Units</u>	<u>Law Units</u>
Term Totals			0.0	0.0
Cumulative Totals			72.0	72.0




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KEY TO GRADES

1. Grades for Academic Years 1970 to present:

HH	-	High Honors	CR	-	Credit
H	-	Honors	NP	-	Not Pass
P	-	Pass	I	-	Incomplete
PC	-	Pass Conditional or Substandard Pass (1997-98 to present)	IP	-	In Progress
NC	-	No Credit	NR	-	No Record

2. Grading Curves for J.D. and Jurisprudence and Social Policy PH.D. students:

In each first-year section, the top 40% of students are awarded honors grades as follows: 10% of the class members are awarded High Honors (HH) grades and 30% are awarded Honors (H) grades. The remaining class members are given the grades Pass (P), Pass Conditional or Substandard Pass (PC) or No Credit (NC) in any proportion. In first-year small sections, grades are given on the same basis with the exception that one more or one less honors grade may be given.

In each second- and third-year course, either (1) the top 40% to 45% of the students are awarded Honors (H) grades, of which a number equal to 10% to 15% of the class are awarded High Honors (HH) grades or (2) the top 40% of the class members, plus or minus two students, are awarded Honors (H) grades, of which a number equal to 10% of the class, plus or minus two students, are awarded High Honors (HH) grades. The remaining class members are given the grades of P, PC or NC, in any proportion. In seminars of 24 or fewer students where there is one 30 page (or more) required paper, an instructor may, if student performance warrants, award 4-7 more HH or H grades, depending on the size of the seminar, than would be permitted under the above rules.

3. Grading Curves for LL.M. and J.S.D. students for 2011-12 to present:

For classes and seminars with 11 or more LL.M. and J.S.D. students, a mandatory curve applies to the LL.M. and J.S.D. students, where the grades awarded are 20% HH and 30% H with the remaining students receiving P, PC, or NC grades. In classes and seminars with 10 or fewer LL.M. and J.S.D. students, the above curve is recommended.

Berkeley Law does not compute grade point averages (GPAs) for our transcripts.

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Academic Program

Program: Law Day
Discontinued
Juris Doctor Major

Beginning of Law Record

Fall 2019 (08/19/2019 - 12/20/2019)

Course	Description	Attempted	Earned	Grade	Points
LAW 101A	Legal Res & Writing 1	2.000	2.000	A-	8.000
LAW 102A	Contracts 1	3.000	3.000	A-	12.000
LAW 103	Torts	4.000	4.000	A	17.320
LAW 106	Criminal Law	3.000	3.000	A	12.990
LAW 114A	Civil Procedure 1	3.000	3.000	B	9.990
Term GPA	4.020 Term Totals	15.000	15.000	15.000	60.300
Cum GPA	4.020 Cum Totals	15.000	15.000	15.000	60.300
Combined Cum GPA	4.020 Comb Totals	15.000	15.000	15.000	60.300

Spring 2020 (01/13/2020 - 05/20/2020)

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Spring 2020 grading was mandatory Pass/No Pass, except for grades previously posted for courses completed early in the semester.

Course	Description	Attempted	Earned	Grade	Points
LAW 101B	Legal Res & Writing 2	2.000	2.000	P	0.000
LAW 102B	Contracts 2	3.000	3.000	P	0.000
LAW 104S	Property	4.000	4.000	P	0.000
LAW 114B	Civil Procedure 2	3.000	3.000	P	0.000
LAW 465	Critical Lawyering Skills Sem	1.000	1.000	P	0.000
Term GPA	0.000 Term Totals	13.000	13.000	0.000	0.000
Cum GPA	4.020 Cum Totals	28.000	28.000	15.000	60.300
Combined Cum GPA	4.020 Comb Totals	28.000	28.000	15.000	60.300
Dean's List					

Law (08/17/2020 - 12/18/2020)

Withdrawal Date: 08/17/2020

Term GPA	0.000	Term Totals	Attempted	Earned	GPA Units	Points
Cum GPA	4.020	Cum Totals	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Combined Cum GPA	4.020	Comb Totals	28.000	28.000	15.000	60.300

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GRADING HISTORY

Effective September 1981: Plus (+) and minus (-) suffixes were incorporated with letter grades thus providing for the following marks and numerical equivalents:

A	4.0	Excellent	P	Passed
A-	3.7		NP	Not Passed
B+	3.3		AUD	Audit
B	3.0	Good	I	Incomplete
B-	2.7		N	Continuing Work
C+	2.3		NR	Not Reported (obsolete as of Fall 2007)
C	2.0	Adequate	NS	No Show (commenced as of Fall 2007)
C-	1.7		W	Withdrawn
D+	1.3		+/-	Taken for enrichment only (obsolete as of Summer 1981)
D	1.0	Barely Passing		
D-	0.7			
F	0.0	Not Passing		

A student's grade point average is determined by dividing the total grade points by the number of units graded.

All programs, except the School of Law, use a 4.0 grading system. Grade values and what constitutes a passing grade may vary by individual graduate program. For additional information regarding grading practices in the various graduate programs, please refer to the appropriate bulletin.

Effective September 1969: A new grade "C+" (with a numerical equivalent of 2.5 grade points) was added to the extant letter grades referenced below.

Prior to September 1969: A = Excellent (4.0); B = Good (3.0); C = Average (2.0); D = Inferior (1.0); F = Failed (0.0); W = Withdrawn; WF = Withdrawn Failing; WP = Withdrawn Passing

CALENDAR SYSTEM

Undergraduate and graduate programs have been on the quarter system beginning in September 1964 to the present time. Prior to fall 1972, undergraduate credit was awarded according to the number of term courses completed. Known as the Santa Clara Plan, this system required 40 term courses. (For conversion, lower division courses were equated to 4.0 quarter units and upper division to 5.0 quarter units.) Graduate course work has been posted in quarter units since fall 1964; undergraduate course work has been posted in quarter units since fall 1972.

COURSE NUMBERING SYSTEM

	(all programs except School of Law)
001-099	Lower division, undergraduate
100-199	Upper division, undergraduate
200 and above	Graduate
X001-999	Professional Growth Non-Degree Credit

CONTINUING EDUCATION/NON-DEGREE CREDIT

X is used as a prefix to the course number to designate all continuing education (professional growth) courses. Continuing education courses earn non-academic credit. One Continuing Education Unit (CEU) is equal to ten contact hours of participation in an organized, professional growth experience.

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

Courses in the undergraduate University Honors Program are designated with an "H" or "Honors" notation. Completion of the program is reflected on the transcript.

CLASS RANK

Class rank is available in the School of Law. Class rank became available for undergraduate students at the end of fall 2002.

**SCHOOL OF LAW
GRADING HISTORY**

A	4.33	F	0.00
A-	4.00	N	Continuing Work
B+	3.67		(e.g., year-long course)
B	3.33	CR	Credit*
B-	3.00	NC	No Credit*
C+	2.67	P	Passed**
C	2.33	NP	Not Passed**
C-	2.00	AUD	Audit
D+	1.67	I	Incomplete
D	1.33	NR	Not Reported
D-	1.00	NS	No Show (commenced as of Fall 2007)

*CR, NC: Course offered only on credit/no credit basis.

**P, N/P: For JD students, taken at option of student. For LLM students, mandatory grade option for all courses.

The "A" range denotes outstanding scholarship; the "B" range indicates above average work; "C" and "C+" indicate work demonstrating professional competence; "C-" and "D" describe work which is below the range of professional competence but sufficient for residency credit. "F" is failing work, unsatisfactory for both scholastic and residency credit. A student's academic standing is determined by his or her grade point average (GPA), which is determined by dividing the total grade points scored in accordance with the above norms (e.g., A = 4.33; B = 3.33; C+ = 2.67) by the number of units graded.

Students may choose to take elective course work in traditionally graded classes on a passed/not passed basis. If the student's work in the course demonstrates at least professional competence, it is graded "Passed"; otherwise, it is graded "Not Passed." "Not Passed" work is not counted toward the hours required for graduation.

ACADEMIC STANDING

Law students having a grade point average of less than 2.33 at the end of their first year will be academically disqualified for poor scholarship.

At the end of the first spring semester and at the end of every spring semester thereafter, students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.33 for all completed courses or they will be disqualified for poor scholarship. A student must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.33 or better in order to graduate.

No student will be permitted to attend any summer session if his cumulative grade point average is less than 2.33.

CALENDAR SYSTEM

The School of Law is on a semester system. Between September 1964 and August 1968, the law school was on the quarter system.

INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION

Santa Clara University is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. A complete listing of all other institutional accreditations can be found in the University graduate, law and undergraduate bulletins.

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Degrees Awarded		Test Credits					
Degree:	Bachelor of Arts	Test Credit		6.000			
Confer Date:	05/12/2017						
Degree GPA:	2.732						
Plan:	Major in Journalism	Fall 2013					
Plan:	Minor in Sociology	Course	Description	AHRS	EHRS	Grade	Points
Plan:	Minor in Government and Public Policy	AIS 160A1	Many Nations/Native Am	3.000	3.000	C	6.000
		CLAS 160D2	Classical Mythology	3.000	3.000	D	3.000
		HIST 150C1	Europe in Modern World	3.000	3.000	B	9.000
		SPAN 102	Second Semester Spanish	4.000	4.000	B	12.000
		Course Attrib:	SUN# SPA 1102 - Beginning Spanish II				
Beginning of Undergraduate Record							
Academic Program History							
Program:	College of Soc & Behav Sci						
06/24/2013	Active in Program			AHRS	EHRS	QHRS	Points
	Major in History	Term GPA:	2.308	13.000	13.000	13.000	30.000
		Transfer Term GPA		6.000	6.000	0.000	0.000
Program:	College of Soc & Behav Sci	Combined GPA	2.308	19.000	19.000	13.000	30.000
06/26/2013	Active in Program			AHRS	EHRS	QHRS	Points
	Major in Philosophy, Politics, Economics and Law	Cum GPA:	2.308	13.000	13.000	13.000	30.000
		Transfer Cum GPA		6.000	6.000	0.000	0.000
Program:	College of Soc & Behav Sci	Combined Cum GPA	2.308	19.000	19.000	13.000	30.000
07/15/2014	Active in Program						
	Major in Philosophy, Politics, Economics and Law	Spring 2014					
	Pre-Journalism	Course	Description	AHRS	EHRS	Grade	Points
Program:	College of Soc & Behav Sci	ABE 170A1	Basc Cncept+Watr Rel Appl	3.000	3.000	D	3.000
07/15/2014	Active in Program	ECON 200	Basic Economic Issues	3.000	3.000	D	3.000
	Pre-Journalism	ENGL 109H	Adv First-Year Compositn	3.000	3.000	B	9.000
		Req Designation:	Honors Course				
Program:	College of Soc & Behav Sci	PE 150B1	Sport, Leisure & Consumer	3.000	3.000	B	9.000
04/29/2015	Active in Program		Cult				
	Pre-Journalism	SPAN 201	Third Semester Spanish	4.000	4.000	B	12.000
	Minor in Sociology	Course Attrib:	SUN# SPA 2201 - Intermediate Spanish I				
Program:	College of Soc & Behav Sci			AHRS	EHRS	QHRS	Points
06/04/2015	Active in Program	Term GPA:	2.250	16.000	16.000	16.000	36.000
	Major in Journalism	Transfer Term GPA		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
	Minor in Sociology	Combined GPA	2.250	16.000	16.000	16.000	36.000
Program:	College of Soc & Behav Sci			AHRS	EHRS	QHRS	Points
01/29/2016	Active in Program	Cum GPA:	2.276	29.000	29.000	29.000	66.000
	Major in Journalism	Transfer Cum GPA		6.000	6.000	0.000	0.000
	Minor in Sociology	Combined Cum GPA	2.276	35.000	35.000	29.000	66.000
	Minor in Government and Public Policy						

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Fall 2014						AHRS	EHRS	QHRS	Points
Course	Description	AHRS	EHRS	Grade	Points				
ATMO 336	Weather, Climate+Society	3.000	3.000	B	9.000				
JOUR 105	Principles of Journalism	3.000	3.000	B	9.000				
RELI 255	Early Roots/Christianity	3.000	3.000	C	6.000				
SPAN 202	Fourth Semester Spanish	4.000	4.000	B	12.000				
Course Attrib: SUN# SPA 2202 - Intermediate Spanish II									
Term GPA: 2.769						13.000	13.000	13.000	36.000
Transfer Term GPA						0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Combined GPA 2.769						13.000	13.000	13.000	36.000
Cum GPA: 2.429						42.000	42.000	42.000	102.000
Transfer Cum GPA						6.000	6.000	0.000	0.000
Combined Cum GPA 2.429						48.000	48.000	42.000	102.000
Winter 2014						AHRS	EHRS	QHRS	Points
Course	Description	AHRS	EHRS	Grade	Points				
FTV 252	Intro Film Styles+Genres	3.000	3.000	B	9.000				
Term GPA: 3.000						3.000	3.000	3.000	9.000
Transfer Term GPA						0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Combined GPA 3.000						3.000	3.000	3.000	9.000
Cum GPA: 2.467						45.000	45.000	45.000	111.000
Transfer Cum GPA						6.000	6.000	0.000	0.000
Combined Cum GPA 2.467						51.000	51.000	45.000	111.000
Spring 2015						AHRS	EHRS	QHRS	Points
Course	Description	AHRS	EHRS	Grade	Points				
JOUR 203	Photojournalism	3.000	3.000	B	9.000				
JOUR 205	Reporting the News	3.000	3.000	B	9.000				
Course Attrib: SUN# JRN 2201 - Journalism/Newsriting									
JOUR 208	Law of the Press	3.000	3.000	B	9.000				
RNR 170C1	Our Place in Nature: Bio & Env	3.000	3.000	B	9.000				
Term GPA: 3.000						12.000	12.000	12.000	36.000
Transfer Term GPA						0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Combined GPA 3.000						12.000	12.000	12.000	36.000
Fall 2015						AHRS	EHRS	QHRS	Points
Course	Description	AHRS	EHRS	Grade	Points				
JOUR 306	Advanced Reporting	3.000	3.000	A	12.000				
JOUR 307	Principles of Multimedia	3.000	3.000	B	9.000				
JOUR 320A	Editing	3.000	3.000	B	9.000				
SOC 101	Intro to Sociology	3.000	3.000	B	9.000				
Course Attrib: SUN# SOC 1101 - Introduction to Sociology									
SOC 322	Sociology of Religion	3.000	3.000	A	12.000				
Term GPA: 3.400						15.000	15.000	15.000	51.000
Transfer Term GPA						0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Combined GPA 3.400						15.000	15.000	15.000	51.000
Spring 2016						AHRS	EHRS	QHRS	Points
Course	Description	AHRS	EHRS	Grade	Points				
JOUR 402	Media & Terrorism	3.000	3.000	B	9.000				
JOUR 484	Mobile App Development	3.000	3.000	B	9.000				
JOUR 490F	Arizona-Sonora News Service	3.000	3.000	A	12.000				
SOC 357	The Pursuit of Happiness:	3.000	3.000	C	6.000				
SOC 401	Health Disparities in Society	3.000	3.000	D	3.000				
Term GPA: 2.600						15.000	15.000	15.000	39.000
Transfer Term GPA						0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Combined GPA 2.600						15.000	15.000	15.000	39.000
Cum GPA: 2.724						87.000	87.000	87.000	237.000
Transfer Cum GPA						6.000	6.000	0.000	0.000
Combined Cum GPA 2.724						93.000	93.000	87.000	237.000



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Summer 2016						AHRS	EHRS	QHRS	Points		
Course	Description	AHRS	EHRS	Grade	Points	Cum GPA:	2.750	108.000	108.000	108.000	297.000
POL 202	International Relations	3.000	3.000	D	3.000	Transfer Cum GPA		6.000	6.000	0.000	0.000
Course Attrib: SUN# POS 1120 - World/Global Politics						Combined Cum GPA	2.750	114.000	114.000	108.000	297.000
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100 - 299	Lower Division
300 - 399	Upper Division
400 - 499	Upper Division & Graduate
500 - 599	Graduate
600 - 699	Graduate & Professional
700 - 799	Graduate (Doctoral course work only)
800 - 899	Medicine & Pharmacy (Pharmacy effective Fall 1983)
900 - 999	Independent Graduate Study

Current / Cumulative Status Abbreviation System

AHRS	Attempted Hours: the total number of units registered for by the student
EHRS	Earned Hours: the total number of units earned by the student including transfer units
QHRS	Quality Hours: Completed units of A, B, C, D, and E
Points	Quality Points: Points assigned for grades of A, B, C, D, and E

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The following grades are included in the calculations of grade point averages:

GRADE ¹	GRADE POINTS PER UNIT
A	4.0
A-	3.667
B+	3.333
B	3.0
B-	2.667
C+	2.333
C	2.0
C-	1.667
D+	1.333
D	1.0
D-	0.667
E*	0

*E = Fail

The following grades are **not** included in the calculations of grade point averages:

Blank	No Grade Submitted ⁴
CR	Credit
F	Fail
HP	High Pass ²
I	Incomplete
IP	In Progress ³
K	Course in Progress
O	Audit
P	Pass
S	Superior
W	Approved Withdrawal
WC	Approved Complete Withdrawal ⁶
WF	Approved Withdrawal from the University while Failing ³
WO	Audit Withdrawal, see Audit Policy
WP	Approved Withdrawal from the University while Passing ³
XO	Audit Administrative Withdrawal, see Audit Policy
Y	No Grade Due ⁵

Notes:

¹ Plus/Minus grading used only by College of Law

² Used only for medical clerkships effective Fall 2012

³ Upon complete withdrawal from the University—effective Fall 1998

⁴ Effective Spring 2003

⁵ Prior to Spring 2010, Y = No Grade Submitted

⁶ Effective Fall 2014

⁷ Effective Spring 2018 for College of Law and Colleges of Medicine

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Bradley W. Joondeph
Professor of Law

June 11, 2021

Dear Judge:

I am a professor at Santa Clara University School of Law, and I write to recommend a former student of mine, Mihdi Afnan, for a position in your chambers as a judicial clerk.

(A short note at the outset: I had the privilege of clerking for a federal Court of Appeals judge and a Supreme Court justice, and my brother-in-law is currently a judge on the United States Court of Appeals. I mention this merely to indicate that I have some sense of what it takes to be a successful clerk.)

Though Mihdi has subsequently transferred to Berkeley Law, he was a student for two semesters (Fall 2019 and Spring 2020) in my Civil Procedure 1 and Civil Procedure 2 courses at Santa Clara in his first year. At Santa Clara, Civil Procedure is taught over two semesters, though it is formally divided into distinct courses. It is typically a large class, with roughly 80 students. But because the same students are enrolled both semesters, I get to know most of them reasonably well.

Mihdi's performance in the course, over both semesters, was very good. The exams for each course consisted of a mixture of multiple-choice and essay questions, and he was among the higher achievers in the course. (In spring semester, due to the circumstances of the pandemic, we moved to a mandatory credit-no credit grading system. But Mihdi did quite well on his midterm, putting him on pace to earn roughly an A– in Civil Procedure 2.)

More than his performance on these exams, Mihdi was a joy to have as a student. He sat in the center of the classroom, was actively engaged in the classroom discussion, and frequently asked thoughtful questions. He attended office hours almost every week, always seeking to ensure he fully understood the concepts. He is an intellectually curious, enthusiastic learner, the sort who raises the level of discourse in the classroom. Moreover, he is extremely courteous and thoughtful; he was always offering to help other students in the class, in a humble, unintrusive way.

Further, Mihdi is incredibly humble. We had several lengthy conversations about his decision to apply to Berkeley, and then ultimately to transfer. What struck me most was how astonished he was that he had done so well in law school, and that a school as prestigious as Berkeley would want him. It was endearing.

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From everything I have seen, Midhi would be an outstanding judicial clerk. He brings a thoughtful, systematic approach to analyzing legal problems. His thinking is careful and insightful, and (from what I have seen) his writing is clear and organized. As important, he plainly possesses the interpersonal skills to interact amiably within the tight confines of a small office.

In short, I can wholeheartedly recommend Midhi for position as a clerk in your chambers. If you have any questions concerning my recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me, either by phone (408-575-2801, my personal cell) or by e-mail (bjoondeph@scu.edu).

Sincerely,

/s/Brad Joondeph

Bradley W. Joondeph

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May 25, 2021

The Honorable Leo Sorokin
John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse
One Courthouse Way, Room 6130
Boston, MA 02210-3002

Re: Clerkship Candidate Mihdi Afnan

Dear Judge Sorokin:

I write to recommend Mihdi Afnan for a clerkship in your chambers. Mihdi is an excellent student, a talented budding lawyer, and a very nice person. I am confident that he will be a very strong law clerk, and recommend him to your chambers without hesitation.

I know Mihdi predominately through him having taken my Legislation and Statutory Interpretation class (Fall 2020). Mihdi's performance was very strong. He was consistently prepared for cold calls and gave thoughtful answers to my questions. His own questions showed a mastery of the material and ability to think on his feet. I fondly recall one particular conversation after class in which he asked thoughtful questions comparing methodologies of constitutional versus statutory interpretation, cleverly probing disconnects in how the same judges go about the two interpretive endeavors.

Mihdi's final exam showcased his clear writing style, and his experience closely scrutinizing statutory text will be useful to him in clerking. The class was extremely strong, a forced curve meant that only one-third of the students could receive an honors grade, and Mihdi's performance put him firmly in that group. This performance is typical of his strong performance in his Berkeley classes—including high honors in both Dean Chemerinsky's highly competitive Constitutional Law Class and in the school's trial competition—and his near-perfect grades as a 1L at Santa Clara before transferring to Berkeley.

More broadly, Mihdi would come to your chambers prepared to hit the ground running. In addition to the academic chops that I've just described, Mihdi has more on-the-ground legal experience than most students at his career stage. He has worked as an extern for Judge Beth Freeman on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, where he worked on both civil and criminal matters. Prior to law school, he worked as a legal assistant in a small law office, where he drafted motions and worked with attorneys on discovery. And this summer he'll be working at WilmerHale in litigation. These experiences prepare him well to understand the unique rhythms and procedures of federal litigation.

Finally, Mihdi is a person of strong character and a winning personality. He is active in his Baha'i religious community, and feels especially strongly about civil rights and minority rights given the religious persecution that his father suffered on account of his beliefs. More generally, Mihdi is warm, outgoing, and energetic. I have so enjoyed getting to know him. As have his classmates: the trial team on which he has thrived is a team setting, and I have heard other students talking fondly about Mihdi. I know the importance of having a chambers community that gets along, and I'm very confident that you and your other clerks enjoy working with Mihdi.

For these reasons, I believe Mihdi would be a very good law clerk. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Gould

Jonathan Gould - gould@berkeley.edu

April 13, 2022

The Honorable Leo Sorokin
John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse
One Courthouse Way, Room 6130
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Dear Judge Sorokin:

I am writing to highly recommend Mr. Mihdi Afnan for a position as your law clerk. Mr. Afnan was a student in two of my classes this year: Federal Courts and Constitutional Law. I have been very impressed by him. He received a High Honors grade in Federal Courts and wrote one of the very best exams in a class of 165 students. As of writing this letter, spring semester grades are not complete. But I would expect him again to be at the very top of the class.

He is exceptionally intelligent. His comments during class discussions, his questions and statements during office hours, and his exam all reflected deep understanding of the material. I was consistently impressed by the sophistication of his analysis. He also demonstrated something unusual among law students: the ability to see how different parts of the course related to one another, sometimes consistently, sometimes not.

Mr. Afnan is highly motivated to succeed. He will work tirelessly and do whatever is needed to produce work of the highest quality. His combination of keen intelligence and a great work ethic ensure that he will be a great success as a law clerk and as a lawyer.

He also is a warm, kind person. I know you would enjoy working with him and that he would greatly enrich your chambers. I enthusiastically recommend him for a position as your law clerk.

Sincerely,

Erwin Chemerinsky

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